

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 17 as follows. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (Previously Presented) A television system having a terminal for receiving a television program, and outputting a signal including at least a pair of video and acoustic signals, and an image display device connected to the terminal with a connection cable for receiving the signal from the terminal and displaying a corresponding image, comprising:

first detection means, arranged in the image display device, for detecting a first ambient environment around the image display device;

second detection means, arranged in the image display device, for detecting a second ambient environment around the image display device;

transmission means for transmitting a change of the first ambient environment detected by said first detection means to the terminal through the connection cable;

first adjustment means, arranged in the terminal, for adjusting a first characteristic of the image display device based on the transmitted change; and

second adjustment means, arranged in the image display device, for adjusting a second characteristic of the image display device based on a change of the second ambient environment detected by said second detection means.

2. (Previously Presented) The television system according to claim 1, wherein said first and second adjustment means perform an adjustment operation when the detection results of said first and second detection means change not less than a predetermined degree.

3. (Previously Presented) The television system according to claim 1, further comprising third detection means, arranged in the terminal, for detecting a third ambient environment around the terminal,

wherein said first adjustment means adjusts the first characteristic based on the transmitted change and a change of the third ambient environment detected by said third detection means.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Previously Presented) The television system according to claim 1, wherein said first detection means detects a change in ambient brightness, and said first adjustment means performs an adjustment operation corresponding to a change in brightness.

6. (Previously Presented) The television system according to claim 1, wherein said second detection means detects a change in ambient color temperature, and said second adjustment means performs a color temperature adjustment operation.

7. (Previously Presented) The television system according to claim 3, wherein said third detection means detects a busy telephone signal, and said first adjustment means performs a volume adjustment operation to reduce noise in accordance with the detection result of said first detection means.

8. (Previously Presented) The television system according to claim 1, wherein an adjustment result of said second adjustment means is informed to the terminal.

9. (Previously Presented) A control method for a television system having a terminal for receiving a television program, and outputting a signal including at least a pair of video and acoustic signals, and an image display device connected to the terminal with a connection cable for receiving the signal from the terminal and displaying a corresponding image, the control method comprising:

a first detection step of detecting a first ambient environment around the image display device, said first detection step being executed in the image display device;

a second detection step of detecting a second ambient environment around the image display device, said second detection step being executed in the image display device;

a transmission step of transmitting a change of the first ambient environment detected in said first detection step to the terminal through the connection cable;

a first adjustment step of adjusting a first characteristic of the image display device based on the transmitted change, the first adjustment step being executed in the terminal; and

a second adjustment step of adjusting a second characteristic of the image display device based on a change of the second ambient environment detected in said second detection step, the second adjustment step being executed in the image display device.

10. (Previously Presented) The control method according to claim 9, wherein said first and second adjustment steps comprise performing an adjustment operation when the detection results in said first and second detection steps change not less than a predetermined degree.

11. (Previously Presented) The control method according to claim 9, further comprising a third detection step of detecting a third ambient environment around the terminal, the third detection step being executed in the terminal,

wherein said first adjustment step adjusts the first characteristic based on the transmitted change and a change of the third ambient environment detected in the third detection step.

12 (Canceled).

13. (Previously Presented) The control method according to claim 9, wherein said first detection step detects a change in ambient brightness, and said first adjustment step comprises an adjustment operation corresponding to a change in brightness.

14. (Previously Presented) The control method according to claim 9, wherein said second detection step detects a change in ambient color temperature, and said second adjustment step comprises a color temperature adjustment operation.

15. (Previously Presented) The control method according to claim 11, wherein said third detection step detects a busy telephone signal, and said first adjustment step comprises a volume adjustment operation.

16. (Previously Presented) The control method according to claim 9, wherein an adjustment result in said second adjustment step is informed to the terminal.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodied in a computer-readable medium for controlling operation of a television system having a terminal for receiving a television program, and outputting a signal including at least a pair of video and acoustic signals, and an image display device connected to the terminal with a connection cable for receiving the signal from the terminal and displaying a corresponding image, comprising code for performing:

a first detection step of detecting a first ambient environment around the image display device, the first detection step being executed in the image display device;

a second detection step of detecting a second ambient environment around the image display device, the second detection step being executed in the image display device;

a transmission step of transmitting a change of the first ambient environment detected in the first detection step to the terminal through the connection cable;

a first adjustment step of adjusting a first characteristic of the image display device based on the transmitted change the first adjustment step being executed in the terminal; and

a second adjustment step of adjusting a second characteristic of the image display device based on a change of the second ambient environment detected in the second detection step, the second adjustment step being executed in the image display device.

18. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a computer program for controlling operation of a television system having a terminal for receiving a television program, and outputting a signal including at least a pair of video and acoustic signals, and an image display device connected to the terminal with a connection cable for receiving the signal from the terminal and displaying a corresponding image, the computer program comprising code for executing:

a first detection step of detecting a first ambient environment around the image display device, the first detection step being executed in the image display device;

a second detection step of detecting a second ambient environment around the image display device, the second detection step being executed in the image display device;

a transmission step of transmitting a change of the first ambient environment detected in the first detection step to the terminal through the connection cable;

a first adjustment step of adjusting a first characteristic of the image display device based on the transmitted change the first adjustment step being executed in the terminal; and

a second adjustment step of adjusting a second characteristic of the image display device based on a change of the second ambient environment detected in the second detection step, the second adjustment step being executed in the image display device.

19. (Previously Presented) The television system according to claim 5, wherein the adjustment operation is a contrast adjustment operation.

20. (Previously Presented) The control method according to claim 13, wherein the adjustment operation is a contrast adjustment operation.